

U.S. REFUSES THE HAGUE INVITATION IF SUCH MEANS RECOGNITION OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT

Reported in Washington That Lloyd George Has Sent Another Invitation With Fuller Explanation of Plan - No Comment From State Department.

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, May 18.—Interest in the Washington end of the situation regarding the Hague conference plan centered largely today in the report from Paris yesterday that it had sent another message to the United States government giving a fuller explanation of the plan for the adjourned meeting of an international commission there to further examine the Russian problem.

Close observers of the attitude of American officials toward the Russian question, however, were convinced that the American government's destination of the invitation to join in the work of The Hague commission was based on a fixed approach toward recognition of the Soviet Government and from which there was no possibility of retreat.

There was no discussion today that the United States stands ready to join with the other powers in any purely scientific investigation of conditions in Russia with a view to recommending steps necessary for that country's economic rehabilitation, but that it believes such restoration could not be hoped for under the terms outlined in the Russian memorandum of May 11 at Genoa.

Non-aggression pact adopted. (By The Associated Press.) GENOA, May 18.—The non-aggression pact was adopted unanimously at a plenary meeting of the Genoa conference today. The pact was not signed, but was adopted in the form of a resolution, each state pledging itself to respect it.

U. S. reserves decision. (By The Associated Press.) GENOA, May 18.—Ruler's today states that a reply has been received from the United States, with reference to participation in the projected commission at The Hague on Russian affairs, saying the United States reserves its decision, pending a further investigation and until the situation becomes clearer.

Text of pact. (By The Associated Press.) GENOA, May 18.—The agreement for a truce, or temporary halt to the political sub-commission of the Genoa conference, subject to final ratification by the full conference, contains six clauses, summarized as follows:

- Clause 1.—Provides for the appointment of a commission by the powers to examine again the divergencies existing between the soviet government and other governments and with a view to meeting a Russian commission having the same mandate.
Clause 2.—Not later than June 20 the names of the powers represented on the non-Russian commission and the names of the members of this commission will be transmitted to the Soviet Government, and reciprocally, the names of the members of the Russian commission will be communicated to the other governments.
Clause 3.—The questions to be treated by these commissions will comprise debts, private properties and credits.
Clause 4.—The members of the two commissions must be at the Hague on June 25.
Clause 5.—The two commissions will strive to reach joint resolutions on the question mentioned in Clause 1.
Clause 6.—To permit the commissions to work peacefully, and also to re-establish mutual confidence, the Soviet Government and its allied republics, on the one side, and the other governments, on the other, pledge themselves to abstain from any act of aggression and subversive propaganda. The pledge for abstaining from any act of aggression will be based upon the present status quo, and will remain in force for a period of four months after the conclusion of the work of the commissions.

The pledge concerning propaganda will obligate the Governments not to interfere in any way in the internal affairs of other States, and not to assist financially or by any other means, political organization in other countries, and will obligate them to suppress in their territory any attempt to commit acts of violence in other States or aiming to disturb the territorial or political status quo.

Genoa, May 18.—Sir Edward Gregg announced on behalf of the British delegation this afternoon that further advice had been received from the United States government and that it did not seem likely the United States would participate in The Hague meeting, at least until the scope of the meeting was better understood.

Baptists Have Big Investment In Schools And Colleges

(By The Associated Press.) JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 18.—Women were admitted to membership on the executive committee and the various boards of the Southern Baptist Convention here today.

The change in the constitution was adopted after a spirited expression of disapproval from Dr. J. W. Porter, of Louisville, Ky., who quoted the 'apostle Paul's' abjuration of women speaking in the church.

"We have strayed on the downgrade," he continued, "and the time will come when a woman will preside over this convention."
Dr. Porter deprecated the "feminist movement" and declared many leaders workers of the women's missionary union are opposed to women taking part in the convention.

Dr. W. J. McGlothlin, of Greenville, S. C., Dr. A. J. Barton, of Alexandria, La., and others spoke for the change, saying women already having been admitted to the convention and its routine committees, should be placed on its important boards and committees. The Apostle Paul, Dr. Barton declared, said nothing against women taking part in the practical affairs of the churches.

The change in the constitution does not provide for any specific number of women on the executive committee and boards, as had been asked in a memorial from the women's missionary union, but leaves the number to be determined from year to year.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 18.—Southern Baptists have a larger investment in educational institutions than any other denomination in the South, according to the annual report of the educational board made public in connection with today's sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Growth also was shown in the convention's foreign mission work and in the women's missionary union, although the \$1,739,478 received for foreign missions from the \$75,000,000 campaign in the last twelve months was less than in the previous year. The work of the foreign mission and education boards was the chief topic before today's sessions.

The educational board of which Dr. W. C. James, of Birmingham, is corresponding secretary, announced that 119 institutions with a total enrollment of 18,897 women and 15,997 men are being operated in sixteen states. The proper value of the institutions was estimated at \$26,181,401 and their total endowment \$11,325,792.

The financial depression since the last annual convention was the cause of the decreased receipts for foreign missions, said Dr. J. E. Love, Richmond, secretary of the foreign mission board. "In every other respect," he added, "the past year has been by far the most successful of the seventh year in which the Southern Baptists have carried on foreign mission work."

Churches in foreign fields contributed \$467,255 to religious work during the last year or 60 per cent more than in any previous year, he pointed out, and the total membership was 6,123. In addition to other fields the Southern Baptists have entered Spain, Jugoslavica, Hungary, Rumania, the Ukraine, and other portions of Southern Russia, Palestine, Syria and Siberia within the last twelve months.

32,000 STUDENTS ENROLLED IN BAPTIST INSTITUTIONS (By The Associated Press.) JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 18.—Nearly thirty-two thousand students, of whom more than thirteen thousand were men, were enrolled during the past year in the 119 educational institutions of the Southern Baptist church according to the annual report of Dr. W. C. James, secretary of the Education Board to the Southern Baptist Convention here today.

Included in the enrollments were 2,196 ministerial students and 2,417 others preparing themselves for missionary work or other such service.

Dr. James gave the property valuation of the schools at \$26,181,401 and the endowment as \$11,325,792. The schools are distributed among the states of the Southern Baptist Convention as follows: Alabama 8, Arkansas 5, Florida 1, Georgia 16, Illinois 1, Kentucky 11, Louisiana 3, Mississippi 5, Missouri 7, New Mexico 1, North Carolina 15, Oklahoma 1, South Carolina 10, Tennessee 19, Texas 12 and Virginia 9.

In addition to the students enrolled in the Baptist schools, the report showed that there are a total of 9,000 Baptist students in the various state schools of the South out of a total enrollment in those institutions of 15,193.

COTTON MARKET CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET (By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, May 18.—Cotton futures closed steady.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET Strict to Good Middling 29c Cotton Seed 20c

THE WEATHER North Carolina, unsettled with local thundershowers tonight or Friday, little change in temperature.

BAPTISTS BREAK ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS IN FOREIGN MISSION FIELD

According to Report of Dr. J. F. Love, Secretary of Foreign Mission Board.

(By The Associated Press.) JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 18.—All previous records on the foreign mission fields were broken during the last year by the agencies of the Southern Baptist convention, Dr. J. F. Love, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, reported to the convention today. There was a gain of 154 in the number of foreign missionaries on the fields, 80 local churches, 14,000 members, 145 Sunday schools with an enrollment of 13,691 and 174 native assistants.

The report shows while the increase for the year in the contributions of the native churches was \$211,755, the total contributions of the churches being \$154,255.85. Other items in the report show a gain of 62 mission schools with an increase of 3,641 pupils enrolled.

The summary of results covers the work of the fields in China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Chile, Argentina and Uruguay the older fields occupied by the board, as well as the new fields of Spain, Jugoslavica, Hungary, Rumania, Southern Russia, Palestine, Syria and Siberia is confined largely to reinforcement of the native workers and institutions. On the older fields the demerit reports 623 churches with a membership of 64,251; 971 Sunday schools with a membership of 53,891; 439 foreign missionaries, 1137 native assistants, 21 foreign nurses, with 14 native physicians and 56 native nurses, 14 hospitals, 16 dispensaries and 100,056 treatments being administered during last year.

In addition to its regular missionary work the board, through its European commission, Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, has been unable to secure religious liberty for the Baptists of Rumania, and has made a large contribution to the relief of the suffering in Russia. In addition the board sent seventy tons of clothing to Russia. Considerable relief work was done in China also during the year.

Secretary Love's report shows that out of every dollar contributed to foreign missions only 3.71 cents is required in defraying the total cost of administration, leaving 96.29 cents that goes into actual mission work on the foreign fields.

The grand lodge of North Carolina, I. O. O. F., and the Rebekah state assembly will meet next year at Goldsboro according to a decision reached this morning.

A most urgent invitation came from the Wayne county city through W. V. Westmoreland, of Newse Lodge, No. 6, which is a young man reared in the Old Fellows orphanage at that place. He made an earnest appeal to the grand lodge to come to the orphanage for the next meeting, stating that arrangements would be made for the entertainment of all visitors on the grounds of the institution.

The grand lodge this morning elected Rev. W. R. Coppedge, of Rockingham, grand master for the ensuing year. A. E. Woltz, of Gastonia, is deputy grand master; S. B. Carrin, of Greenville, grand wardens; John D. Berry, of Raleigh, grand treasurer; M. L. Simpson, of Raleigh, grand secretary; L. W. Moore, grand representative for two years; Dr. T. H. Tillet, of Andrews, holds for another year as grand representative; Dr. L. R. McElroy, of Sanatorium, was re-elected a member of the board of trustees of the orphanage for a term of six years.

Rebekahs Elect Mrs. Dolley. Mrs. Eunice P. Dolley, of Gastonia, was chosen by the Rebekah assembly, as president. The election was held at the close of the meeting session at this place. Mrs. P. E. Thompson, of Goldsboro, was elected vice president; Mrs. E. D. Atkins, of Gastonia, secretary; Mrs. E. Beck, of Winston-Salem, secretary; and Mrs. Hattie R. Whitaker, of Bunker'sville, treasurer.

The Endowment Fund. The grand lodge expects to raise during the coming year the sum of \$100,000 as an endowment fund for the orphanage. A committee was named this morning to plan for a campaign. The committee is composed of L. W. Moore, chairman; Charles Downs, M. B. Shinn, Dr. L. B. McElroy, Charles Smith and C. S. Williams. The institution already has an endowment of \$20,000.

HARRISON TELLS STORY OF MURDER OF ARNETTE. (By The Associated Press.) COLUMBIA, S. C., May 18.—Ira Harrison, took the stand today in the trial of himself and J. M. Jeffords and Glenn Treese, for the murder of J. C. Arnette, and in cold calmness, he related the details of the crime, confessing that he struck the first blow that felled Arnette, this followed by blows from an automobile axle, wielded by Jeffords.

He told also of his driving the car which took Arnette's body to the lonely suburb road, where car and body were pushed over an embankment. He told of the \$4,000 insurance on the life of Arnette, which the men hoped to get, and of their plan to get the business. He implicated both Jeffords and Treese in the killing.

Dr. Curry declares that missions constitute main task of the church. The church's efforts, he said, should not center on itself, but on the world. The church is not the end, but the means. Saving a lost world, establishing God's kingdom on earth is the end, the church is Christ's instrument for accomplishing this end. The church that fails here, fails everywhere.

Jesus Christ, but where there is a church to follow Him? Let the mountains, out on the plains, among the slums of the cities, among the negroes, Indians and foreigners, and across the seas, unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

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Dr. Curry said he had thought it appropriate to bring a message of cordiality with the last Assembly's expressed desire that this assembly be an evangelistic and home mission assembly.

TARIFF FIGHT WILL BE BITTERLY CONTESTED

Notice Is Served by Both Senators Lodge and Underwood That the Bill Will Be in the Senate a Long Time—Hard to Get Quorum.

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, May 18.—Senate Republicans and Democrats were in accord today on at least one point with regard to the administration tariff bill—that it will be before the Senate for a long time.

Formal notice was given by Senator Underwood, the majority leader, that it was the intention of those in charge of the legislation to keep it under consideration practically continuously until it was passed irrespective of the time required.

Announcement was made by Senator Underwood, the minority leader, that it was the wish of the democrats to debate the bill for weeks, not to speed for the purpose of delay, but to let the country know what was in it.

These announcements were forthcoming in the course of a stormy session of the Senate last night which wound up with a fiery speech by Chairman McPherson of the Finance Committee, in charge of the tariff bill, who invited Republican senators absconding themselves on roll call either to stay on the job or resign.

Senator McPherson said he could not expect the democrats who did not believe in the bill to furnish a quorum, but that he did expect the Republicans who believed in the bill and who could attend the sessions to remain on the job.

The Senate had difficulty during the early hours in keeping a quorum for last night's session, the fifth that had been held after sundown for consideration of the tariff measure. There were seven roll calls before a sustained attendance of a bare majority could be had and meantime the sergeant at arms had been directed to "request" the presence of the absentees.

I. O. O. F. GRAND LODGE SELECTS GOLDSBORO AS MEETING PLACE FOR 1923. Rev. W. R. Coppedge, of Rockingham, Elected Grand Master, and A. E. Woltz, of Gastonia, Deputy Grand Master—Mrs. Eunice P. Dolley, of Gastonia, Elected President of Rebekah State Assembly.

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FRANK VANDERLIP GIVES HIS VIEWS ON GENOA CONFERENCE

(By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, May 18.—Most central banks in Europe are today "in varying degrees of insolvency," Frank A. Vanderlip, New York banker, declared in a cable review of the Genoa conference sent to the annual convention of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. The plan for a conference at London of such banks there fore promised little immediate result, he added, and their proposed cooperation in the solution of Europe's financial difficulties could be "difficult to realize."

Describing the Genoa conference as a "clinical" work, he was circumscribed in the type of "business" which it might discuss, Mr. Vanderlip recommended that the United States entered the proposed London financial meeting but only with an understanding that "our Federal reserve system be kept free from alien commitments."

He commended the Washington government for the attitude it has maintained toward Europe and said the chamber should refrain from embarrassing it by suggestions.

"Officially the conference was not permitted even to examine the more serious diseases," Mr. Vanderlip said. "Nevertheless unofficially their activity has come to be more clearly understood."

"The diseases of fantastically excessive expenditure claims, of excessive military expenditures causing inevitable unbalanced budgets; of boundary lines that outrage economic and ethical principles; of interest and governmental debts as vast as to destroy the hope of solvency—these diseases could not be officially studied and diagnosed. The disease of the economic isolation of Russia having a population equaling nearly one-fourth of the world, has been exhaustively studied only to be referred to further study by the Hague commission."

"Owing to the prohibition of discussing more important subjects, the immediate economic significance of Russia has been obviously emphasized. Under the most favorable arrangement conceivable with Russia that country would not be able to make any important contribution to Europe for several years. An agreement with Russia when obtained will for a long time only furnish an opportunity to send goods on credit. Little or no Russian production can be returned in exchange for several years."

"The financial resolutions adopted are sound but for the present unweaselly ineffective. The desire for the stability of currency value a requisite for economic reconstruction. That is impossible of accomplishment while budget deficits persist. Balanced budgets must await reduced military expenditures. Disarmament could not be discussed here, but must be before budgets can be balanced. Therefore reduced military expenditures are a prerequisite to stabilizing currency."

"American participation in the London conference is highly desirable but it is important, however, that we should not involve the custody of our bank reserve in commitments to stabilize European currencies. I believe that America should study a plan for segregating some of its gold stock to help Europe stabilize her currencies after budgets are balanced. The American gold reserve is so large that it will otherwise invite dangerous inflation. Our Federal reserve system, however, should be kept free from entangling commitments. We must organize a parallel institution to cooperate with the central banks of Europe and thus avoid any unfortunate commitment of the Federal reserve fund."

Officers get still on Chris Anthony Place. Fifteen Barrels of Beer Buried Under Ground—Was Discovered Last Night—Returned Today to Destroy Beer.

Another big still was captured last night in Gaston county by Officers Cole, Terrell, Painter and Damron. The still was located on the farm of Cleo Varnum on the Dallas-Cherryville road, about two miles from Cherryville. The officers came upon the still last night while it was in full blast, but the operators made their get away in the darkness. Their identity is known, however.

More than 15 barrels of beer were found buried in the ground. The officers were unable to destroy this night and returned this morning for that purpose.

The still which was captured and brought to Gastonia last night was one of the largest taken recently. The section where it was captured is notorious for its whiskey traffic. Two or three big moonshining outfits have been captured in this locality within the past few years.

It was almost impossible to slip up on the operators of the still in the dark night, say the officers, on account of the fact that it is located in a small bunch of pines, surrounded by open fields, from which a clear view could be had in every direction, thus insuring a sufficient warning to the distillers.

It is believed that this still and contents will approach in magnitude of size and operations for well remembered plant of Charles McAlister which was built under the ground in a sort of cellar among trees.

Officers who were to the scene of the still today were Messrs. Cole, Terrell, A. B. Hard, Craig and Chief Adlerholt.

ELECTIONS HOLD BOARDS AT GENERAL CONFERENCE. More Than a Dozen Secretaries of Boards to Be Named—Much Business Transacted in Past Two or Three Days.

HOT SPRINGS, ARK., May 18.—Elections held the past two or three days at the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the delegates elected to choose secretaries of the various boards under the supervision of the conference. More than a dozen secretaries remained to be named.

HUNDREDS HEAR THE DEBATE ON ORIGIN OF MAN BETWEEN PROF. AND PREACHER IN RALEIGH

Scientist Propounds Four Queries and Theologian Hurls Back His Answers—Theologian Tells Scientist That He Is Welcome to Simon Kinsfolk But Warns Metcalf Not to Claim Kin With Him.

RALEIGH, May 17.—Prof. Z. P. Metcalf, Christian evolutionist of the A. and M. college, and Rev. Dr. W. B. Riley, Mosaic evolutionist, of Minneapolis, Minn., fought four rounds to a decision this afternoon in the intellectual stadium of Mr. Metcalf's institution.

When the men stripped for action they presented a strange contrast of forms and figures. The teacher is a fair westerner who might have tipped the scales at 147; the preacher a full heavy with a bench equal to Jim Corbett's or Bob Fitzsimmons'. The teacher looked the rise of 25 but still not old enough to look up with a heavy Second Corner and Fundamentalist; the preacher seems to be full-of or more and certainly wiser than he really is. Referee R. L. McMillan called the men to the center of the ring and the time-keepers gave the signal for the going.

Word of Caution. Let our Fundamentalist and Second Corner read the accounts of the fight with the same unadvised liberalism that marks the period of Moses and the Prophets, it will be in order to say the men did not actually fight with bare fists and skulls. London prize ring rules or Marquis of Queensberry with gloves. They made a good many of their hearers feel disposed to do the same thing—the sum total of the stupid and frivolous piece of business. The debate was clean, elevated and serious. The combatants showed such a fine spirit as to set many of their adrifted listeners an excellent lesson in good manners. As the public will recall this was a debate on evolution.

The two went together without agreement as to what constitutes evolution. Dr. Riley's reading of the six professors' reply to the landlarding of the Rev. Jasper C. Masses, revealed for him a conclusion that these scientists know not the alphabet of evolution. For that reason he sought a query which would make the colleagues assert a harmony of Biblical statement and evolutionary teaching. They refused to take him up. But they readily met him on the postulate that evolution is a demonstrated fact. Dr. Riley's contention is that there is not a scintilla of evidence supporting scientific evolution by the theory of evolution.

Metcalfe Shuns Long Words. In opening the debate Mr. Metcalf walked away from the trap of the theologian who sought to hold the controversy to the dictionary terms. The teacher took the composite view, the essence of all the Big Box in science. He could have found in his dictionary Spencer's 'evolution is an integration of matter and concomitant dissipation of motion, during which the matter passes from a definite, coherent heterogeneity, and during which the retained motion undergoes a parallel transformation,' by Mr. Metcalf avoided these words. Yet all that one needs to do is to look in the dictionary and see the meaning of the word, then he shall know as much about evolution as the fellow who invented the thing and got a patent on the process.

When the little professor rose with manuscript in hand the members of the college community gave him a mighty sendoff, but in a prophetic match the preacher had the edge.

Eighteen hundred people were in Pullen hall when Mr. Metcalf concluded his first sentence made up of about 40-odd clauses, which comprise the sciences. The crowd liked him when he said his stoop for truth which he did not purpose shutting out in the name of religion. His notions sounded mightily approbation when he declared that the watery, treckled and waddling argument of Mr. Bryan was his own invention, not that of any reputable scientist in the whole world. As if stating the principle of development he declared that an unused organ is not its proper name, some of them are now positively dangerous. Once in a while forms were as they now are highly useful. To him they suggested the whip-stroke in the first automobile, a thing at which the crowd laughed.

Hits At Religious Bigotry. His best thrust was at religious bigotry which seeks to block development. Thus theology thundered against Copernicus, against Harvey, against many others. But 'no ask that a student blind his eyes to the evidence about him is to ask that he lie to himself,' he shouted, "and that is not Christian."

What he said in 19 minutes of tremendous firing was well summed up in four questions and a half the preacher. First, he sought:

Why do living organisms present themselves in such a marvelous graded series, progression to man, bacterium to amoeba?

Second, why do the higher living organisms have non-useful structures known as vestiges?

Third, why should individual organisms in their development go through the wasteful process of forming ancestral structures merely to have them disappear before the organism is fully grown?

Fourth, why among the vast array of organisms should some be so complex and some so simple?

Southern Issues Bonds For New Rolling Stock. (By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, May 18.—The Southern Railway was granted permission today to guarantee payment of the interest and principal of \$9,300,000 in equipment trust certificates. The securities will be sold by a Philadelphia financial institution as trustee, and the funds will go to the railroad for the purchase of new rolling stock.

Police get confession from driver of car. Indictment of at least four more persons will be asked today—No trial for 'Big Three' labor leaders. (By The Associated Press.) CHICAGO, May 18.—Police today made public a confession said by them to have been obtained from John Miller, alleged driver of the car from which shots were fired killing two Chicago policemen, May 14, in the so-called labor war. The man, with Miller in the car, according to his confession, were Charles DeLozanski, alias 'Fat Joe' and 'Foster' Stanley. Hearings for the men were started today.

Indictment of at least four more persons will be asked of the grand jury today, in connection with the police hunt for 'terrorists' who police say are operating in protest against the Laidly wage award to set the differences between contractors and members of Chicago building trades council.